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1. EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED US DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WFC WITH DFA'S KELSO AND BUTLER, DECEMBER 3 AND 4. BOTH OPTIMISTIC THAT GOA WILL CO-SPONSOR IF TWO CHANGES TO TEXT PROPOSED BY DEPARTMENT OVERSEAS TRADE AND PRIMARY INDUSTRY ARE ACCEPTED. AUST EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND AUS MISSION TO UN INSTRUCTED TO PRESS FOR FOLLOWING CHANGES:

(A) OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 6 CHANGED TO READ: "RECOMMENDS TO UNGA THAT IT ESTABLISH AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OPEN TO ALL MEMBER STATES OF UN TO GUIDE WFC SECGEN BY PREPARING AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE AND TAKING OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTIONS"; (B) TRANPOSE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH 8 TO FOLLOW PARAGRAPH 5 (TO MAKE IT "MORE ACCEPTABLE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES") AND INCLUDE IN THE FORMER A REFERENCE TO UNCTAD COLLABORATING WITH WFC SECGEN AS WELL AS WITH FAO.

2. KELSO AND BUTLER POINTED OUT THAT BOTH PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM AND FORMIN WILLESEE (IN OCT. 3 UNGA ADDRESS) HAVE WARMLY ENDORSED SECRETARY'S WFC PROPOSAL. GOA SHARES USG'S CONCERN THAT CONFERENCE FOCUS ON TWO TASKS ENUMERATED BY SECRETARY AND NOT IMPINGE ON OTHER TOPICS PROPERLY TREATED IN OTHER FORA (E.G. TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN MTN. WHILE CONCEDING IN PRINCIPLE THAT SMALLER PREPCOM HAS SOME ADVANTAGES, GOA'S MAJOR CONCERN IS THAT PREPCOM INCLUDE ALL INTERESTED UN MEMBERS, NOTABLY AUSTRALIA, EVEN IF THIS MEANS IT MUST BE "OPEN-ENDED."

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: PROVIDING GOA IS CONFIDENT OF PREPCOM MEMBERSHIP, CHANCES APPEAR EXCELLENT THAT AUSTRALIA WILL CO-SPONSOR. DFA-RECEIVED VERSION OF DRAFT FROM ITS UN MISSION MENTIONS "S 27" PREPCOM IN PARAGRAPH 6. SINCE TEXT PROVIDED REFTEL, WHICH EMBASSY GAVE DFA DOES NOT MENTION 27-MEMBER LIMIT, THIS ISSUE SEEMS TO BE MORE EASILY RESOLVED TO GOA'S SATISFACTION.

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